

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 5-19 are pending in the present application.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Spiegler for the indication that the elected invention is free of the art of record (Office Action dated June 17, 2004, page 7, paragraph 8). Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections is requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein.

The objection to the specification as referring to specific claims is obviated by the amendment herein. Applicants have amended the specification to remove the objectionable reference to the claims and have inserted therefor the term "embodiment." In view of the present amendment, Applicants request withdrawal of this ground of objection.

The rejection of Claims 3 and 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is obviated by amendment.

Applicants have amended the claimed invention to improve the overall clarity in the claims, as well as to specifically address the Examiner's criticisms. Therefore, this ground of rejection is believed to be no longer tenable.

Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

The Examiner has indicated that reference AO (JP 2650159) cited on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 2, 2002 has not been considered since no statement of relevancy has been provided. Applicants disagree, noting that the Form PTO-1449 filed on May 2, 2002 (**copy enclosed**), specifically notes that this reference corresponds to U.S.

5,409,818, which was also cited and considered by the Examiner. This notation *is* a statement of relevancy and, therefore, it is requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of JP 2650159 by providing Applicants with an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AO	2650159	09/03/97	JAPAN (with corr. US 5,409,818)		X
	AP	0 373 960	06/20/90	EUROPE		
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